Non-operating revenue of Air India

3065. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-operating revenue of Air India has increased from about Rs. 144 crores to Rs. 288 crores during April, 2000 to February, 2001; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The non-operating revenue (Net) of Air India Limited has gone up from Rs. 92 crores in 1999-2000 to Rs. 236 crores (Provisionally) for the year 2000-01.

(b) The non-operating revenue has gone up primarily due to increase in unclaimed liability towards passenger & cargo written back during the year 2000-2001. Further rectification and write back of other liabilities during the year 2000-2001 since no longer required.

Permission to private domestic Airlines on International routes

3066. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1683 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow private domestic airlines to operate on International routes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No private domestic airline has so far been allowed to operate scheduled flights on international routes.

Commercial use of Brahmaputra river

3067. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to use the Brahmaputra river route for commerce;